(h) if not, details of action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter for such lapses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The contract was given to International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR), a CGTAR Institution, to which ^Govt. of India is also a donor.

(b) Contract was awarded on the basis of actual expenses as certified by ISNAR subject to the overall ceiling of US $ 249581.

(c) and (d) It was considered that National Informatics Centre (NIC) did not have the necessary expertise to under take a need-assessment study of the type awarded to ISNAR and a decision to award this contract was taken in a group meeting in which the D.G., NIC was also present. Further, NIC was not eligible to participate in a World Bank financed project.

(e) Since NIC did not have the nece-sary competance nor was it eligible for consideration, the question of comparative costs does not arise.

(f) Pecuniary advantage for Govern-ment/Semi-Government officers could be availab'e, if their services are utilized as per norms and with the approval of competent authority.

(g) and (h) Yes, *Sit.*

Vegetable/Horticulture Mini-kst Demonstration Scheme

2722. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of fund sanction ed by Government to the State Govern ment of Arunachal Pradesh in the form of cent percent grant under the centrally sponsored vegetable/horticulture mini-kit demonstration scheme; and

(b) what are the names of districts of Arunachal Pradesh where vegetable/horti culture mini-kits were distributed using this fund and what was the production of vegetables there during 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The total %—*id* BSS omvoe; amount sanctioned for Arunachal Pradesh under the Central Sector Scheme on Pro-duction and supply of Vegetable Seedf (Component of Vegetable Mini-kits) **wat** Rs. 3.00 lakh for 1993-94.

(b) The vegetable mini-kits were dis-tributed in the districts of East-Siang, West-Siang, Lower-Subansiri, East-Kameng. Lohit, Changlang, Tirap and Dibang Valley. Total production of vegetable excluding potatoes during 1993-94 was 29,750 MTs. in the concerned districts.

चारे की खेती

2723. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चारे की खेती के क्षेत्र में वृद्धि करने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं;

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान ऐसी खेती के क्षेत्र में की गई वृद्धि का वर्ष-वार तथा राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) जिन क्षेत्रों में चारा बेकार चला जाता है अथवा जला दिया जाता है, वहां चारे के उपयुक्त उपयोग हेतु क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है;

(घ) तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) चारे के विभिन्न प्रकार के उपयोगों हेतु इसके प्रसंस्करण में वृद्धि करने तथा उसमें सुधार लाने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) से (ङ) यह जानकारी राज्यों / केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों से एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सदन के सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Term Loan for New Co-operative Sugar Factories in Gujarat

2724. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHI-NANDAN IAIN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern ment of Gujarat has requested the Cen tral Government for sanctioninig of term loan for the new Co-operative Sugar Fac tories to be set-up in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action/measures Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND / NETAM) : (a) The Government of India do not provide term loan*